

As an broadcast engineer and consumer, it is very frustrating to keep jumping through "hoops" to make equipment work together (ie. proposed non-analog output DTV televisions) and what I am sure will be the myriad of various digital encryption schemes requiring additional "set top" devices. The bootleggers will continue to boot leg. Heck most of the bootlegging occurs outside of the US anyhow. Even the best MP3 copy protection can be defeated with a D-A-D conversion process so consumer encryption seems more and more of a mute point every day. Enough is enough, let's decide on a standard and make it backwards compatable.

Let us also protect our small and independent broadcasters who this technology will have the potential to block.